MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): How long is the limitation?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Since there are experts on that side of the House, I am not prepared to answer.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because he is referring to limitation I want to know how long it is.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Limitation about what?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Limitation to take action.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Against what?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Against defamatory or seditious article.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Defamatory against whom?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Defamatory against certain individuals.

Kottarakara Primary School.

61. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the present strength of the Primary School in Kottarakara town;

(*b*) the number of class divisions and the number of teachers in that school;

(*c*) the amount of money sanctioned for contingent expenses for a year;

(*d*) the name of the departmental Primary School in the State having the lowest strength and the amount allowed under 'contingencies' for that school; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to sanction a higher amount for the Kottarakara Primary School?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state the principle followed in fixing the contingency amount for the various departmental Vernacular schools of the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) 537.

(*b*) 14 and 16 respectively.

(*c*) Rs. 36.

(*d*) Vazhichal Primary School; Rs. 18 per annum.

(*e*) No.

(2) The principle followed at present is to grant a fixed contingent amount of Rs. 3 per mensem for departmental Vernacular Middle Schools having ten or more class divisions, Rs. 2 to those having less than ten, Rs. 3 for departmental Primary Schools having four or more class divisions and Rs. 1½ for those having less than four.

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MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the several items of expenditure to be met out of this small amount of Rs. 3 per mensem?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mainly stationery—chalk, needles if it is a Girls' school, and other small articles.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Are the charges for sweeping included in this?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I suppose so.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Would he be kind enough to tell me the cost for purchase of chalk for sixteen teachers teaching 14 classes containing 537 students?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say exactly how many chalk pieces are necessary. Chalk is a cheap article. But I cannot say how much it will cost.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): The approximate cost?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I will enquire and say.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): What would it cost to pay a servant amonth to sweep 14 class-rooms?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That will vary according to the locality and the rate of wages. Some people do it free.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I shall be satisfied if he gives the lowest amount.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Perhaps it may be done for a rupee.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): One rupee a month to sweep 14 classes every day?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): What would it cost for the purchase of pen and paper?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that now. Anyhow, this is the rate of contingent grant sanctioned and no representation has come from the schools themselves.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I inform the member that there is correspondence on this subject from the school authorities themselves?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): But that has not reached the Government.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): In view of what I have said, will the Government be pleased to reconsider the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is the departmental head to make a recommendation if he feels it necessary.

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MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Are the Government aware that the students in that particular school suffer much on account of the paucity of chalk and want proper sweeping, etc.?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Which is the particular school you mention?

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : The Kottarakara Primary School.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government do not know that they suffer.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government enquire?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a matter in which the initiative must be taken by the head of the department.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Kochukunju Pillai, it is better you make a representation to the Director first.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government inquire of the Director whether he has received a report from the Headmaster or the Inspector?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If the Director feels the necessity, he will report it to the Government.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I ask whether the Government will inquire of the Director whether he has received a report with regard to small items of contingent expenditure from the Headmaster or the Inspector?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government do not consider it of sufficient importance to take the initiative in the matter.

Filling up the Place of the Traffic Inspector.

62. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the place of the Traffic Inspector recently sanctioned has been filled up ;

(*b*) if not, why ;

(*c*) whether there are applications from qualified men for this post ;

(*d*) whether they will appoint, at a very early date, a qualified mechanical engineer who has practical experience in Motor Engineering and who has worked in motor workshops so that further accidents causing death on account of structural defects of motor vehicles may be minimised?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*), (*b*) and (*d*) The Police Commissioner's proposals for filling up the place are under consideration.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Grant-in-aid to Unani Vaidyasalas.

63. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any applications for grant-in-aid to *Unani Vaidyasalas* ;

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